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#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 6324** NOTE PREPARED: Jan 26, 2010

BILL NUMBER: SB 116 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Livestock and Poultry Care.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Head BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill allows the Board of Animal Health (BOAH) to assist organizations that represent poultry producers with issues related to poultry. It allows BOAH to establish standards governing the care of livestock and poultry.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** BOAH has no formal program to assist poultry producers with care issues. Usually, BOAH assists producers through consultation with the State Poultry Association.

BOAH has not established standards governing the care of livestock and poultry. Additional costs to the BOAH to establish standards would involve usual rulemaking costs that BOAH should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

If an inspection program accompanies the standards, BOAH would experience additional increases in costs. Over 30,000 livestock premises exist in Indiana, not including poultry premises.

Without regular inspections, BOAH could encourage compliance with standards through producer education. BOAH would likely view complaints or other issues relating to alleged violations of its standards of care for livestock and poultry as an extension or off-shoot of its current program to assist local law enforcement in evaluating allegations of abuse and neglect. BOAH assists law enforcement with around 70 cases alleging abuse or neglect of animals each year.

#### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

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## **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

## **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** BOAH.

## **Local Agencies Affected:**

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